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Chief of Station, Karlsruhe

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Chief, Foreign Division H

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Usage - Father Marcel van CUTSEN

1. The following report which was acquired by CIC, Salzburg, 16 October 1951, give a version of Usage's activities which may interest you:

"In the middle of July 1951 informant was approached in Salzburg by Hennig BULTMANN, alleged U. S. intelligence agent, who offered him a well-paid assignment which would last six or seven months. The salary would be approximately 3,000 Austrian schillings. BULTMANN told the following story:

An independent American civilian organization in Austria, not subject to CIC or CID control, but under the direct supervision of Washington, was interested in increasing the defection of Soviet military personnel and was looking for qualified individuals to assist with the mission. If Informant was interested he would be recommended for employment. According to SUBJECT, the final selection would be made by a professor (BU). Subsequent to his acceptance into the organization, informant would be furnished with proper Austrian identity documents and be sent to Vienna. There he would establish residence in the Western sector; endeavor to be accepted into city districts commonly frequented by Soviet personnel, and gradually cultivate their friendship. In due course the Soviet friends were to be introduced to Western propaganda, both verbally and in writing, and finally were to be encouraged to desert to the West. If in six months informant succeeded in effecting even one desertion, his mission would be considered successful.

2. Upon their arrival in the Western Zone of Austria, the deserters would be provided with proper identity documents, clothes, food and shelter, and assisted in obtaining gainful employment. For the first few months they would not be subjected to any interrogation, but would be permitted to establish a normal life. Their debriefing of information of

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of intelligence value would be accomplished gradually. Eventually these deserters would be permitted to correspond through established channels with friends still in the Soviet Army in the Soviet Zone of Austria. The alleged American organization believes that in this manner numerous desertions from the Soviet Army could be effected with great damage to the morale of the Soviet military forces. Informant was told that in Vienna he would be introduced to other individuals who would assist him with his mission. As of the date of this report informant has not received the additional instructions which were to follow.

According to informant, BULTMANN is 28 years old, tall, Nordic type, probably from Holstein. Most of his relatives are associated with the Protestant ministry. His mother resides in the Soviet sector of Vienna and is reported to be active in the Austrian Communist Party. BULTMANN and his mother are on very good terms. But for some unknown reason he is considered the black sheep of his family. He is a Catholic convert; has studied theology; and now is an unofficial deacon of the Orthodox Church. BULTMANN has studied Russian folklore. He now edits a Russian publication in one of the Salzburg DP camps. An Austrian citizen, he travels frequently to Vienna and to Germany. BULTMANN is reported to be working closely with Father Marcel van CUTSEM.

A CIC file check indicates that BULTMANN (fnu), Salzburg, is in contact with HACHO (Werner), editor of a Salzburg newspaper for Ukrainians and White Russians, and that he is of interest to French Intelligence.

2. Our files contain no record of Hennig BULTMANN.

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